

Wintle's 'Birds of Montreal'.¹—The work opens with a descriptive and historical preface of twelve pages, followed by (pp. 1-135) a copiously annotated list of 254 species, arranged in accordance with the classification and nomenclature of the A. O. U. Check List, the names of the higher groups being included. The character of the 'List' is sufficiently indicated by the descriptive portion of the title page, already transcribed in the accompanying footnote. This is succeeded by what is properly part two of the book, containing "Abridged Descriptions of the Birds of Montreal, specially given for the purpose of identification for persons not familiar with their general appearance," occupying pp. 137-214, the existence of which excellent feature the title page gives no intimation. These descriptions consist of about five to ten lines each, and for the most part give very well the distinctive features of the species. This is succeeded by a very full index of vernacular names (pp. 215-227), and by still a third part, also not indicated on the title page. This has an embellished title page of its own as an 'inset,' with the title, "Original Sporting Sketches, compiled by David Rennie, 1895." It is paged continuously with the rest of the book (forming pp. 229-281), but is set in smaller type. The book appears to well meet the needs of a local, popular hand book. It is well printed in rather large type, on good paper, and typographically presents an attractive appearance. It is somewhat marred by the printer's eccentricities of punctuation in connection with the technical names, but typographical errors are not numerous.—J. A. A.

Oberholser's *Birds of Wayne County, Ohio*.²—The list proper includes 183 species, and is followed by a 'Hypothetical List' of 82 species, which

¹ The | Birds of Montreal | By | Ernest D. Wintle, | "Associate Member of the American Ornithologists Union." | Birds observed in the vicinity of Montreal, Province of Quebec, | Dominion of Canada, with annotations as to whether they | are "Permanent Residents," or those that are found | regularly throughout the year; "Winter Visitants," | or those that occur only during the winter season, | passing north in the spring; "Transient Visitants," or those that occur only | during migrations in spring and | autumn; "Summer Residents," | or those that are known to | breed, but which depart southward before winter; and "Accidental Visitants," or strag- | glers from remote districts; giving | their relative abundance as to whether | they are *rare*, *scarce*, *common* or *abundant*; | data of *nests* and *eggs* when found, and especially | noting the species that breed in the *City* and *Mount* | *Royal Park*; also *data* of migratory *arrivals* and *de-* | *partures*, and other notes, all of which are deduced | from original observations made during the past fifteen years. | — | Montreal: | W. Drysdale & Co. | — | 1896.—8vo., pp. xiv + 181, with an outline map and several plates.

² A Preliminary List of the Birds of Wayne County, Ohio. By Harry C. Oberholser. Bull. of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station. Technical Series, Vol. I, Number 4, July, 1896, Art. xxiv, pp. 243-354.

includes species of probable occurrence in the region, but not as yet positively known to the writer to have been found there. As most of them are natural to the region, the conservatism here shown is the more commendable. As said in the 'Introduction': "That the present paper may serve as a basis for future observations is the chief excuse for its existence. With this purpose in view much care has been exercised to avoid the inclusion of any but perfectly reliable records. All but four species have been personally identified by the writer, either in the field or from specimens in local collections; and these four exceptions have been admitted only upon what has been considered satisfactory evidence of their occurrence." The paper is based mainly on observations made by the writer between February 8, 1890 and April 9, 1894. Of the 183 species noted, 30 are classified as permanent residents, 61 as summer residents, and 57 as transient visitors, and these latter are further subdivided in accordance with their manner of occurrence. The annotations are often quite extended, relating to the nesting habits of the species as well as to their relative abundance and seasons of occurrence. The nomenclature is that of the A. O. U. Check-List, and includes the names of the higher groups as well as those of the species. Also various familiar text illustrations are introduced.—J. A. A.

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